

COMMUNITY AREAS

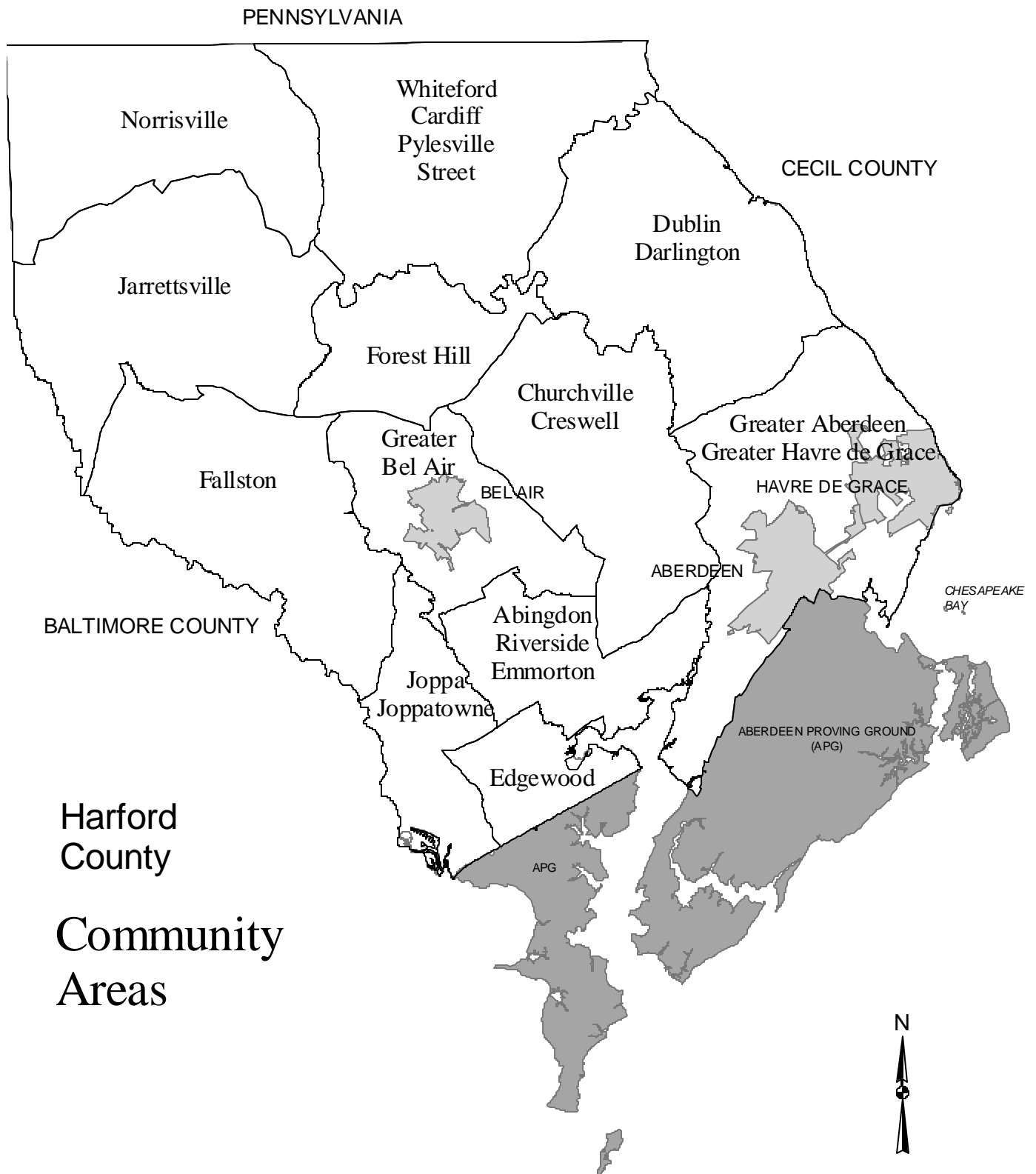
INTRODUCTION: COMMUNITY AREAS

Communities are defined by shared educational, cultural, civic, recreational, commercial facilities and activities, natural features, and common interests. The importance of these may vary among communities – and even among different groups within one community – but the location of these facilities helps to reinforce the “sense of place” that residents feel. Strong communities and the preservation of their “sense of place” are essential to the County’s future.

Recognizing this, the County introduced a Community Areas section to the 1996 Land Use Element Plan. This was done to help ensure that each of the areas remain attractive, livable communities that have a strong local identity. This concept is carried forward in this Plan, and the 12 community areas are retained (Figure 40). Because the areas share many physical and cultural features, census tracts and transportation zones were used to delineate the Community Areas. This allows for development of data and information that is needed to address many community issues.

Each of the Community Area narratives provides information on existing population and growth trends. A description of each community’s character along with a plan for the area is included. Variations exist among the descriptions, but this reflects the uniqueness of each area. The plans presented in this document will serve as a guide for development of the area, and as a continuing communication link between the citizens, the Community Councils, and Harford County Government.

(THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK)



Source: Harford County Planning & Zoning.

Note: Aberdeen Proving Ground is a federal government land mass and is not a Community Area.

Figure 40



(THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK)